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THE MORAL VACUUM IN OUR SOCIETY

By Theresa Quarmby

The following speech was given by Mrs Theresa Quarmby at a conference in Huddersfield on March 29th 2008. The conference was entitled, "The Moral Vacuum in our Society."

"A society without a common understanding of what it is to be human and without a shared morality is in danger of gradual disintegration. We have reached that point. 1. We need a society that protects and promotes marriage and family. 2. Ceases to be so obsessed with sex, curbs pornography and puts sexual intimacy back into its proper place in marriage. 3. Respects human life from conception to its natural end and thus abolishes abortion. The implication of these three is connected. We need to reflect on what our society is doing to marriage and the family, and the role of sexual intimacy if we are to understand and address some of the causes of abortion. Divorce rates rise inexorably-marriage rates fall. The experience of some families can tragically be deeply destructive. Statistics of cruelty meted out to children shocks us all. Many more children are likely to experience the trauma of family breakdown. The long term effects of this are great - not only are children's health and education affected, so is their ability to form stable relationships later in life. The public repercussions do not end there. There are social and economic costs in terms of housing, care of elderly relatives and family poverty.

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Sex Education

by John O'Neill

Sex education lessons in many of our schools have become a national scandal - certainly to anyone who holds traditional views regarding marriage, family, and moral values. There have been various reports in the media about parents being deeply shocked and disturbed when they found out about the content and materials being used in some of the sex education lessons. Explicit details concerning degrading and perverted sexual practices, as well as graphic pictures and videos featuring naked bodies are some of the materials thought of as being suitable to show to children.

The "safe-sex" policy headed up by the Teenage Pregnancy unit, and implemented in the schools by government supported organisations such as the Brook Institute and The Family Planning Association is a total disaster. Britain still has the highest rates of teenage pregnancies in Europe. Sexually transmitted diseases amongst our young people are at epidemic levels - 35% incurable! The number of people diagnosed with sexually transmitted diseases has risen by a quarter in just five years. NHS clinics in England diagnosed 335,123 sexually transmitted infections in 2006, up from 272,387 in 2001. The rise in infections

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NEWS IN BRIEF

HOODED TOPS

Morality Forum fully supports the *Ban the Hood* campaign initiated by the Sunday Express. It is very sinister and threatening for many people to see groups of young people hanging around wearing hooded tops. Much of the violent and anti-social behaviour in our society is caused by young people wearing hooded tops. The government are desperately looking for ways to reclaim the streets again from all the horrific knife murders and violent crimes. Banning the hood would send out a strong message and be a positive step forward in reclaiming the streets from anti-social people and criminals. The Sunday Express should be applauded for this common sense initiative, which, hopefully the government will agree with and implement.

SEX WORKERS

By law, job centres cannot now refuse to take advertisements for sex workers! One mother was horrified recently when her daughter went into a job centre and saw an advert for a sex worker. The advert contained explicit details. On the one hand the government is desperately trying to solve the problem that Britain has the highest rates of teenage pregnancies in Europe, and that sexually transmitted diseases amongst our young people are

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“John Dunford, the General Secretary of the Association of School and College leaders recently said that schools now carry the burden of Britain’s family breakdown. He said that increasingly teachers are becoming surrogate parents; that some children could not hold simple conversations and did not know how to use a knife and fork. Others suffered serious behavioural problems because of a lack of a stable family home. The resilience of the family is no accident. It reflects fundamental instincts we share as human beings. A religious understanding of that same reality is expressed by saying that we are creatures made in the image and likeness of God. In the book of Genesis there are two creation stories, probably within about 500 years apart. They give us profound insights into our humanity and the place of intimate relationships. In the first reading we read, “God created humankind in his image, male and female he created them.” God blessed them and said. “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it.” So both the male and female are necessary for humanity to reflect the image of God as Creator. Both are called into partnership with God in creating new human life, that is pro-creation.

“The second story which is in fact the earlier of the two, adds a further dimension. Then we read, God said “it is not good that man should be alone, therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife and they become one flesh.” The first story speaks of life and the transmission of new life, the second of love - they belong together and cannot be separated. From this fundamental truth flows the wonderful idea of marriage as the way in which people are called to love deeply. It is no coincidence that the image of the bridegroom and bride is so often used in the scriptures to express the mystery of God’s love for us. The covenant of marriage is a radical and total commitment, demanding self-sacrifice and long life fidelity.

“Abortion statistics tell their own story-the increase in contraception has been accompanied by a rise in the numbers of abortions. The 1967 abortion act was never intended to become an alternative method of birth control. To date there has been over 6 million abortions. We can see all around us the loss and the damage done to human lives by severing sex from the lifelong loving commitment of marriage. A culture which encourages sexual experimentation among young people, is hardly conducive to helping them to form faithful adult commitments. The commitment of marriage spells out the reality of responsible choice and the obligation, which flow from making binding commitments to others. We don’t want to hear this. To say such things too loudly risks making people feel uncomfortable.

“What is needed is a change of mind and heart. We are all involved in a battle for the future survival of marriage and the family. To uphold a vision of marriage and sexual intimacy exclusively within it, is not pie in the sky, nor is it a plea to return to a golden age that in fact never was. It is to put before us all, especially the young - an obtainable ideal.

Striving to pursue and to live up to such ideals despite our weaknesses is part of what makes us truly human.

“The ideal of marriage challenges the supremacy of “CHOICE.” May I quote a comment made by Prof. Gerald Rochford. He said, “the marriage vow represents the moment at which we move through CHOICE to a sense of destiny - to create a sense of security within which is a myriad of choices, and therefore mistakes, can be made in safety - for this vow to be retractable, as it clearly now is, places upon the spouse the burden of needing to be perfect without the security within which to be imperfect without being abandoned. The marriage vows represent the attempt to save ourselves from limitless and therefore insatiable choice; the irony is that limitless choice induces a sense of compulsion, the sense of being driven rather than free.

“I sometimes wonder if the sense of being “driven” rather than “free” is not a description of the lives of many young people today. Powerful cultural messages, often reinforced by advertising and commercial pressure, encourage young people to have sexual relationships at an even younger age. The word “love” is often used synonymously with “sex.”



“The pro-life battle against abortion is not unlike the battle against slavery in the 19th century. There are powerful, social, cultural and economic forces opposing change. Gradually, I believe the battle of hearts and minds will be won. That is because, as with the right of the slave to freedom, the right of the unborn child to life is in the end absolute. Two other points on this subject - one is the need to be clear about what it is that makes each human being uniquely valuable. Human history is littered with episodes in which some groups deny the humanity of others, whether it is indigenous peoples in colonised states, or Jews in Nazi Germany, or black people in S. Africa under apartheid. At this point I would also like to mention genetics. The availability of vast genetic information causes great risks. Human nature is given to us not invented by us. We all share a common humanity. Each human life is precious, as we are all loved by God. The other point is that with genetics, as with the debate about sex and the family, at the heart of the struggle for the future of the society, is the status of children, unborn and born. Having a child is not just a private act - it is a public act too. Being a parent carries responsibilities in which society has an interest because children are its future. It should matter to all of us whether there are stable families for children to be raised in. It matters to all of us whether society allows an unfettered choice to parents to use genetic testing to select the baby they want, and to discard the one they don’t want. CHILDREN ALSO NEED A FATHER.

“WE need to do all we can to foster a society in which every child is a wanted child, in which family life is protected and supported, in which sexual intimacy is revered as the point at which life and love meet, and in which each and every human life is respected and protected.” □

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has come despite a government pledge in 2004 to spend £50 million on sexual health education. Nearly 30 teenage girls a week are visiting hospitals and clinics for a second or even third abortion, according to official figures. 17,173 teenagers under 18 had abortions in 2006. 1,341 were recorded as having their second termination. It was the third procedure for 82 of them. Such figures are utterly appalling and tragic.

There is an ideological war going on in our schools for the hearts and minds of our children. Children are being taught that there are other types of relationships such as those between homosexuals which are just as valid as traditional marriage.

Sex educators are working on the assumption that, in relation to sexual activity amongst young people, the following advice must be given: "they are going to do it anyway, so we need to protect the young people by teaching them to use condoms; and, if that fails they can always have an abortion." Insidiously, all this is done without the parents being informed! The sex educators do not tell the truth to the young people about condoms or abortion. The morning-after pill is 50 times stronger than the ordinary pill. Already some young women have lost their lives through taking the morning-after pill. There is a 20% failure rate for inexperienced people who use condoms, and a 10% failure rate for experienced users. Research has established the fact that once out of denial and trying to justify the abortion, innumerable post abortive women will suffer remorse, guilt, grief, anxiety and eating disorders, suicides, depression, low self-esteem, difficult relationships, despair, anger, inability to forgive oneself, etc. There are about 28 worldwide studies now linking Breast Cancer with abortion. It was Mother Theresa who said, "We cannot be surprised when people start killing each other, when we allow mothers to kill their babies in their wombs."

Sex education should not be taught in schools. It should be taught at home by the parents. If the parents do not want to do it, then someone such as a religious minister could provide the information. The information given should be kept to an absolute minimum - no naked bodies, graphic pictures or advice about condoms or abortion etc. The sex education should be taught in the context of abstinence (some abstinence programmes in the USA have resulted in a 30% decrease in teenage pregnancies) until marriage, and the traditional values and virtues such as modesty, self-restraint, respect, courtesy, fidelity, chivalry and commitment should be highlighted. The doomed "safe-sex" message encourages selfishness, self-gratification and lustful behaviour. It is clearly a form of child abuse. Traditional moral and family values must be taught, because those values when implemented are the ones which will provide the fabric and foundations for stability and prosperity individually and collectively in societies. The traditional moral and family values originate from our creator, are contained within all the major religions and have stood the test of time! Historical studies by various historians show conclusively that: "no society in history has been able to survive for long without a strong moral code, and, that immorality corrupts individuals and destroys societies!" Moral and spiritual values have been in constant decline in Britain since the nineteen fifties. The results are: a ten-fold increase in crimes and enor-

mous increases in social problems. WE REAP AS WE SOW! Sex education lessons which contradict traditional moral and family values are absolutely doomed to fail.

Various people have tried to use the low rates of teenage pregnancy in Holland as being down to the sex education being more open, explicit, graphic, and less framed by a moral-marriage centred agenda. This information is false. There are various factors as to why the teenage pregnancy rates in Holland are low, such as the influences of the churches and the involvement of parents being much stronger. The sex education is often taught within a moral framework. For a full explanation about sex education in Holland, contact Family and Youth Concern, who have printed information available about this matter.

Family and Youth Concern have also produced some excellent books on the subject of sex education. Mrs Valerie Riches has written one of those books, "sex education or indoctrination? - how ideology has triumphed over facts." Mrs Riches explains very lucidly how, "during the late 1960's and early 1970's a network of government-funded pressure groups began to pursue an agenda covering eugenics, population control, sexual and family law reform, sex and health education, and children's rights. The thrust of their campaign was the separation of sexual activity from childbearing, and from marriage. Sex education in schools became an ideological battlefield on which war would be waged for the hearts and minds of children." Valerie also makes the point about children being "brainwashed" in sex education classes. This excellent book is strongly recommended, as is another book from Family and Youth Concern, "The Fight for the Family," by Lynette Burrows. Both books cost £5:00 plus £1:00 p&p. There are also other various excellent books available from Family and Youth Concern on the subjects of family, and sex education. Contact them at, Jubilee House, 19-21, High Street, Whitton, Twickenham, Middx. TW2 7LB Tel: 020 88942525; e-mail: fyc@ukfamily.org.uk. www.famyouth.org.uk. There are also excellent audio tapes available from Cornwall's Community Standards Association on the subject of sex education. Valerie Riches and Lynette Burrows are featured on these tapes, as is Dr John Guly, who describes how there is a latency period in a child's sexual development, between the ages of six and eleven. This is supposed to be a time of innocence regarding sexual matters. He also described the painful and often incurable physical and emotional consequences to health and happiness of sexual experimentation by the young. He concluded by saying: "Behavioural change is essential for the sexual health of our youth and nation. We must take heed and learn from the sexual health and abstinence programmes in the USA." To order the tapes, contact: Cornwall's Community Standards Association, Tremore Manor, Lanivet, Bodmin, Cornwall, PL30 5JTJ. You just need to cover the cost of the postage.

Parents are entitled to know the contents and materials being used in sex education classes, and also have the right to withdraw their children from such lessons. It has been reported in the media recently that the government is considering making sex education compulsory, starting in primary schools! This defies belief, as all the evidence shows that sex education

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in schools is a total failure. All decent minded people should challenge the government via our MP's etc about sex education in schools. We cannot allow immoral, liberal, humanistic, doomed policies to continue to be the deciding factor on sex education. Such policies are driven by people with views and policies which are hostile to traditional values and are causing so much damage to our young people. Also, the government should be really turning its attention to cleaning up the media. We are bombarded daily by the images and messages that are imbued with sexual connotations from the media, advertisers, etc. The permissive standards and the sexual revolution which began in the 1960's have done incalculable damage to our society. We did not need sex education in schools before the advent of the sexual revolution. A Christian ethos was prevalent in Britain in those days and teenage pregnancies were rare. Our nation desperately needs a religious ethos to be prevalent again, especially for the sake of our young people. Let us all do our best in helping to make that noble aim a reality. □

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at epidemic levels - 35% incurable!, and yet, on the other hand they blatantly fuel the permissive society by allowing job centres to advertise for sex workers! Is there no sense of shame by anyone connected with the government that such a paradoxical appalling situation exists? The government has quite rightly been accused of acting as pimps for the sex trade. If they have any sense of decency, integrity, and responsibility, the government will surely take action to sort out this sordid matter.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

A parliamentary joint committee on human rights has announced that under 16s should be allowed to opt out of the religious component of their syllabus if they disagree with its content. The move is of course strongly backed by the National Secular Society. Many young people have grown up since the 1960s with very little understanding of the importance of traditional family and moral values. Young people are often influenced in the wrong way by so-called celebrities and media people etc, who often do not set a good example and lead hedonistic lifestyles. Religious teachings are given to us by our creator and are meant to be the foundations for peace, justice, happiness and harmony within any society. The virtues and tenets contained within all the religions are priceless, teaching values such as chivalry, modesty, tolerance, forgiveness, respect, fidelity, compassion, etc. We are created to become beings of true love by developing our hearts, minds and spirits through living for the sake of others. Religious education in schools should be a number one priority if pupils are to receive a balanced education.

ABORTION

The Conservative MP Nadine Dorries has received numerous abusive phone calls, emails and letters regarding her pro-life

stance in relation to the Embryology Bill. Nadine spoke of how as a nurse she saw an aborted baby lying in a bedpan struggling to breathe. The incident caused her to consider how she was assisting in what she now refers to as, "a barbaric practice our society has become immune to: late abortion." Scans show clearly how developed the babies become and that we are clearly talking about human beings. Department of Health figures show that during 2006 more than 3,800 women underwent at least their fourth abortion, including more than 1,300 who were on their fifth or more. Of more than 60,000 women who underwent a "repeat" abortion, almost 15,000 were on their third. These included 65 women who had their sixth abortion by the age of 30, and 82 girls aged under 18 who had already experienced three, and more than 50 women who had had eight abortions or more. These appalling statistics show that abortion is clearly being used as a form of contraception, which was not why the abortion act was introduced in 1967. There is clear evidence that many women who have abortions often suffer severely through depression, guilt, anxiety, low self-esteem, etc. Abortion on demand is clearly wrong and should not be permitted. It is always good to pray for and write to thank MP's such as Nadine Dorries who are willing to take a positive stand on serious matters concerning moral and family values. □

Email Published in The Worthing Herald

Steve Stevens is correct.

We are living in a job culture which is fuelled by the decline of moral and spiritual values which have been in constant decline since the 1950s, and has resulted in a 10-fold increase in crimes and enormous increases in social problems.

Various studies show conclusively that no society in history has been able to survive for long without a strong moral code, and, that immorality corrupts individuals and destroys societies!

We reap as we sow. Lap-dancing is just a higher form of prostitution.

It totally degrades the women dancers, and the men who frequent lap-dancing clubs are indirectly committing adultery.

It beggars belief that moral judgments are not considered in licence applications for lewd dancing clubs.

An old saying comes to mind, "The pathway to hell is paved with good intentions!"

All the trendy promiscuous people in favour of the lap-dancing club need to get into the real world and look at the facts.

The sexual revolution and the permissive society has been a total disaster for our nation.

Britain has the highest rates of divorces and teenage pregnancies in Europe.

Sexually transmitted diseases amongst our young people are at epidemic levels - 35 per cent incurable!

John O'Neill



True Family Values

(compiled by Frank van der Stok,
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Love for the World and God

A. Love for humanity: The Way of the Saint.

1. Sainthood is expansion of filial piety from loving one's parents to loving the world as God love.

- We received protection, security and sustenance from the world. Therefore, we have a debt to the world.
- We should pay back the debt by serving the world with gratitude and love.
- Paying back the debt creates a deeper bond of love with all humankind. This makes the base for an ever-developing relationship, energy, prosperity and happiness.
- As a result, we gain much more, including good fortune in the future.
- The Chinese character for saint depicts the king who hears the voice of God and teaches His word.
- The saint experiences God's love and knows God as a parent who cares for the entire world
- God calls the saint to live for the sake of the world.
- The saint fights evil and struggles to save individual people and the whole world.

2. A saint is not limited by social convention, race or nation.

- Socrates preached uncompromising goodness in the face of the social conventions of Athens.
- Jesus ministered to social outcasts; so did many saints.
- St. Paul shattered religious barriers by preaching to the Gentiles.
- Martin Luther King broke the colour line and brought blacks and whites together.

3. Saints are motivated by love and compassion. They care about the real, physical suffering of the individual and guide the world with that heart (for example, Mother Teresa).

4. As fighters to establish God's will, saints often make substantial, spirit-based developments in society: Martin Luther, Abraham Lincoln, Mahatma Gandhi, Martin Luther King.

B. Love for the cosmos: the way of a child of God.

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2. Therefore, we have a debt to God.

3. We should pay back this debt by serving God with gratitude and love.

4. Paying back the debt creates a deeper bond of love with God. This makes the base for an ever-developing relationship, energy, prosperity and happiness.

5. As a result, we gain much more, including good fortune in the future.

6. Through vertical love, beginning with filial piety, we reach toward God's love.

- Our parents represent God, the origin of our life. Therefore, filial piety teaches the vertical relationship to God: we receive everything from God (our parents); therefore we commit everything back to God (our parents).
- Filial piety is the standard for the relationship between God and humankind.
- Religious faith means to show filial piety towards God, who is our Creator and Parent.

7. Most people are partial in their love. They get along with some and can't stand to be around others. To be a holy son or daughter means to be able to harmonize with all personality types.

- There are twelve personality types. Note that there are twelve signs of the zodiac, and a cycle of twelve years in the Chinese calendar. This amounts to twelve types of men and twelve types of women, a total of twenty-four types.
- We are naturally compatible with some personalities and have difficulty with others. We naturally relate with the personality of people like our parents. We may find a few close friends and expand our inventory of people like our parents. We may find a few close friends and expand our inventory of compatible types. But if we fight with a brother or sister, he represents a whole class of people, 1/12 of the human race with that personality type. When we shun a schoolmate because he is "weird", we are shunning 1/12 of the human race with that personality type.
- For such immature people, when it comes to their spouse, personality conflicts are likely to develop, once the heat of passion has cooled.
- In preparation for marriage, children should grow their hearts to be able to encompass all twelve types of people. Education in love means lessons in learning to love all different types of people. As a child, we must be educated in love to grow our hearts to this extent.
- There are twelve gates to the Kingdom of Heaven. True people should be able to enter through any of them. They fit in everywhere on earth and in heaven.

8. Filial piety means having absolute faith and practising absolute obedience, centering on our parents. Thereby we naturally come to know God's heart, which prepares us to be God's children.

- God is our Parent, and God's heart is revealed in parental heart.
- By filial piety, God will reveal to us our parents' heart. We learn this by practising absolute faith, love and obedience.
- God at the time of Creation had absolute faith, absolute love and absolute obedience.
- Faith in the future of His children.
- Love for His children: total investment of Himself to make

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MORALITY FORUM ACTION

John O'Neill was able to speak about the importance of moral and family values at a meeting in Southall, West London. The main speakers were Nick Clegg the Lib-Dem leader, and Brian Paddick, the Lib-Dem candidate in the election for mayor of London. John mentioned that without proper moral and family values being again predominant in society, other initiatives such as more police and social workers was just papering over the cracks. John also mentioned about the irrefutable evidence from various studies regarding the importance of moral and family values, as well as the need for action to be taken to curtail the ever increasing levels of sex, violence and bad language in the media. Brian Paddick agreed with what John had said and went on to explain about the need for proper values to be prominent again in our society. John's comments were also well received by the leaders of the mosque where the event was held, and he was approached afterwards with a view to coming back and speaking again at the mosque.

John O'Neill was able to distribute 47 mediamarch action cards at a community cohesion event in East London.

John O'Neill and Finbar Murphy have been distributing leaflets on behalf of The Society for the Protection of the Unborn Child, in relation to the Embryology bill, which is going through its various stages in parliament at the moment.

PEACEFUL DEMONSTRATION

By John O'Neill



Wording on placards: "I regret my abortion"

Finbar Murphy and I together with around 150 others attended a 2 hour peaceful demonstration against abortion at Westminster Square, opposite the Houses of Parliament last Saturday, 26th April. The demonstration was organised by The Society for The Protection of The Unborn Child. Similar events were held at different places throughout the country. Theresa Quarmby took part in one of the events in Huddersfield. At Westminster there was a short service and flowers were laid at a special place outside Westminster Abbey in remem-

brance of the more than 6 million abortions since the abortion act was introduced in 1967. After the service anti-abortion placards were held up all around Westminster Square. There were some deeply saddening and heart rendering testimonies by women who had had an abortion and now realised how mistaken they were. They wanted to testify publicly so as to warn other women not to make the same mistake. All of the women suffered serious consequences through having their abortion: depression, guilt (especially), etc. Research has established the fact that once out of denial and trying to justify the abortion, innumerable post abortive women will suffer guilt, remorse, grief, anxiety and eating disorders, suicides, depression, low self-esteem, difficult relationships, despair, anger, inability to forgive oneself etc. Certainly hearing the testimonies of these unfortunate women linked in with the stated evidence regarding the consequences that having an abortion will bring. One young woman testified as to how she was a student when she had her abortion. She realised as soon as she had her abortion that she had made a terrible mistake.

She started to cry while still inside the clinic. Instead of receiving help and comfort, she was just told to, "shut up." How callous. What was particularly unpleasant to hear was just how easy it is to have an abortion, without receiving any information about the trauma and serious consequences that many of the women will face after having the abortion. After hearing the testimonies of these brave and courageous women I was left with the feeling that there is something terribly wrong and shameful with a system that allows abortion-on-demand. The abortion laws urgently need reforming. The SPUC and other like-minded organisations deserve much more support for the magnificent constant work they are all doing regarding the abortion issue. □



Finbar Murphy & John O'Neill

WAIT UK RECEIVES £5000 GRANT FOR EAST LONDON PROJECT!!

By Marshall de Souza



Last Friday, WAIT UK Chairman Marshall de Souza was interviewed live on air by Choice FM, a London radio station, about the funding application he and his colleagues sent in to carry out a pilot scheme in East London.

Marshall, supported by colleague Farhad Nikayin and East London teenager, Haesul Fagcang, spent hours preparing the application which was part of V-Project, sponsored by Choice FM! Their project essentially encourages young people to volunteer time in exchange for learning skills through the Performing Arts. Between June and December, young people in the Dagenham area will be invited to participate in a series of sessions designed to offer young people skills in singing, dancing, drama and public speaking which could enhance their career prospects as well as help them to understand the dangers of HIV/AIDS and other sexually transmitted illnesses.

These trained young people will then be able to meet and train other young people in the area (serving as "peer motivators" to their colleagues)! By reaching out to schools and youth centres, this scheme is hoped to be a model that can be replicated in many other areas. The plan is to also set up a model youth club, called EAST WAIT, which hopefully could play a positive role in helping young people develop their talents, but also improve their character and prepare them for marriage and fulfilling relationships in the future.

Marshall and his team are delighted to receive this money which will be put into good effect in order to help numerous teenagers in the area!

Birmingham WAIT Training

Trinity Church Hall, Handsworth
28-29 March, 2008

In the evening of the 28th March 2008, seven WAIT trainers, accompanied by two parents travelled from London to Birmingham to prepare for a full day of training the next day. They were welcomed by the Earl

family in Selly Oak, had a lovely evening meal, and then gathered together until bed-time. The next morning, after service and breakfast, the team travelled to the church hall in Handsworth. Soon, youth from the Birmingham region, totalling fifteen, and a number of parents arrived.



Erena Shaw served as MC for the workshop. Marshall de Souza started the event by welcoming everyone, and gave an overview of what WAIT is all about. Then we showed the Full Performance Video, after which the London trainers explained why

they are in WAIT, and how it has helped them in their lives. This was followed by various presentations: the Rules and Membership of WAIT by Jude Greaves and Irene Jehu-Appiah; the Heart and Purpose behind WAIT by Ashley Crosthwaite; and the HIV PowerPoint by Kenta Barrett and Rifuku Kobayashi. It was then lunch time!

After lunch, Sean Greaves and Soon Hee Lall explained the meaning of the different acts we do; then the participants took part in three training sessions: break dance, "Respect" song and dance, and the sketch. These were very ably led by the London trainers! There was even an opportunity to show the parents present what they had learnt in the short space of time. The training day ended quite successfully with a number of parents agreeing to support WAIT in Birmingham. Many thanks to the WAIT trainers and parents for a job well-done, and especially to Uncle Tom Pritty for helping us with all the arrangements!!



THE FUTURE OF THE MARRIAGE BASED FAMILY

John O'Neill and Bruno Klotz attended a very informative and inspiring marriage based family event at The House of Commons on Tuesday, April 22nd. The event was organised by the Maranatha Community, a Christian organisation. There were some excellent speakers. Key points raised and stated included:

*Morality and Religion must not be sidelined.
Form pressure groups.
Everybody expecting somebody else to do something.
Secular people in control.
Need to do something. Our society is in crisis now.
Who stands in the middle now? We do. We all have to stand up.
We are not sensitive to the suffering being caused.
Family stability very relevant.
The political people are not aware of the devastating impact of family breakdown.
You would be horrified at what is taught in sex education lessons in schools.
We here can exert more influence.*

Jim Dobbin the MP was chairman for the event. He stated that, "Many people in Parliament are humanistic." He also added that, "petitions, letter writing etc definitely influences MPs." He gave a recent example of how over a million postcards were received by MPs regarding The Embryology Bill. This had a clear impact on the relevant MPs. He also recommended visiting MPs at their surgeries as also being very important and influential.

LETTERS AND CARDS RECEIVED

Dear Mr O'Neill,
... I read your own article (about pornography) with interest...

Yours sincerely,
Tony McNulty MP

Dear Mr O'Neill,
Thank you for your letter. Though I don't imagine we will ever be entirely in agreement, your material gave me plenty of food for thought, and I was grateful to have had it.
From a journalist at the Daily Telegraph. Signature Illegible.

Dear Mr O'Neill,
Thank you for another extremely interesting letter.
With best wishes,
Yours sincerely,
Simon Heffer,
Associate Editor (Daily Telegraph.)

Dear John O'Neill,
Thanks for writing to me again and for sending me the literature on sex education in this country. I am of the opinion that sex education is necessary if our young people are to grow to maturity safely, but of course it must be constructive and well-regulated.
Kindest regards
Amanda Platell (Journalist, Daily Mail)

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us in His image (male and female).

- Obedience to the Principle of Creation: God never violates the laws and principles which He established.

- We are children of God, created out of His own body, as parents create children, as artists create works of art.
- We respond with filial piety: absolute faith, absolute love and absolute obedience, because this is the essential common base we share with God and all people of conscience.
- Then we inherit true love from our parents and God.
- Then God dwells within the parent-child relationship.

9. Holiness means set apart from everything else for God's service.

- In ancient Israel, the Temple had a Holy Place where only the priests could enter, and only if they removed everything profane, put on special clothing and purified themselves. But the Most Holy Place was even more sacred; only the high priest could enter, and only once a year. They took care to maintain the holiness of the Temple as a home fit for God to dwell, lest God's blessing leave them.
- A holy person does not let himself be contaminated by sin.
- He makes his physical body and spirit a place of purity, where God alone can enter in.

- He does not allow his home to be compromised.
- He understands that God has nothing to do with evil.

10. Holiness upholds heaven and earth.

- The cosmos (heaven and earth) is to become the kingdom of God, without evil.
- To live for heaven is to see beyond worldly affairs and to consider how one's deeds will be recorded in terms of their eternal significance.
- On earth as well we should be concerned for the long-term impact of our deeds.
- Words, spoken and written, will influence people beyond one's immediate intentions.
- Righteousness and holiness set the standard by which the world can live.
- Holy sons and daughters provide eternal stimulation to the hearts of people of the entire world. They are internal leaders of the world.

11. The individual is fully qualified to participate in true family life on the basis of practising the vertical ethic, through filial piety, civic virtue and patriotism, sainthood and holy sonship. We all ultimately are to be holy sons and daughters of God.

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